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SUBJECT: J.B. GERTZ, RENO, NEVADA

REF: MADRAS 0244

1. WE ARE REPEATING TO THE DEPARTMENT MADRAS 0244, ALREADY SENT TO USDOC, REPORTING AN INQUIRY RECEIVED BY THE CONSULATE GENERAL IN MADRAS REGARDING THE GENUINENESS OF A GIFT OFFER OF DOLS25 MILLION RECEIVED BY DR. RANGASWAMY, VICE CHANCELLOR OF TAMIL NADU AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY, FROM MR. J. BARRY GERTZ, 825 DE LUCCHI LANE NO. 269, RENO, NEVADA 89502, TEL. 702-825-7200.

2. THE EMBASSY HAS NOW RECEIVED AN INQUIRY REGARDING WHAT APPEARS TO BE AN IDENTICAL OFFER FROM MR. GERTZ TO THE BIRLA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY AND SCIENCE AT PILANI, RAJASTHAN. THE AMOUNT OF THE OFFER IS ALSO DOLS25 MILLION AND ALSO REQUIRES LIQUIDATION OF LAND HOLDINGS HELD BY A FAMILY TRUST. THE GIFT IS CONDITIONED ON THE BIRLA INSTITUTE'S EFFECTING THE LIQUIDATION OF THE PROPERTIES. GERTZ SAYS THAT HE WOULD CONSIDER A MATCHING FUNDS PROGRAM AND STATES THAT IF THE INSTITUTE HAS BENEFACTORS WHO ARE NOT IN A POSITION TO MAKE A LARGE DONATION NOW BUT WHO COULD PRUCHASE ONE OF THE FOUNDATION'S

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PROPERTIES, IT SHOULD GIVE GERTZ THE DETAILS SO THAT THE

SALE CAN BE COMPLETED.

3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE WHATEVER INFORMATION THE DEPART-
MENT OR THE USDOC CAN PROVIDE REGARDING THIS MATTER
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.SAXBE

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